



NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Marquette, Michigan

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E-Notes for January 15, 2018

The Season of Epiphany

QUOTE OF THE DAY

Effective and vital rural congregations demonstrate the following best practices for evangelism:

1. Friend bring friends.
2. Energy is devoted to hospitality and welcoming ministries.
3. Children and youth are priorities.
4. Community involvement is evangelism.

~p. 70-71, *Discovering Hope: Building Vitality in Rural Congregations*

PORTICO®

Benefit Services

A Ministry of the ELCA

IT'S TIME TO START YOUR 2018 LIVE WELL CHALLENGE!
If you have ELCA-Primary health coverage through Portico, this

year's Live Well Challenge invites you to a deeper understanding of your own physical and financial health. In 2018, you (and your spouse, if you both have ELCA-Primary health benefits) can gain personalized insights to inspire the next steps that are right for you - and earn up to \$400 wellness dollars - as you:

- Assess your health in a new way through personalized biometric screening
- Strengthen your financial confidence by conducting an annual review of your retirement plan and building other healthy habits around money

Want to learn more about biometric screening, visit myPortico to discover how this useful tool can inform the next steps of your wellness journey.

Live Well Challenge page:

<https://myportico.porticobenefits.org/Campaign/LiveWell>

FAQs about biometric screening:

<https://myportico.porticobenefits.org/Campaign/LiveWellBiometrics>

DISCOVERING HOPE

Building Vitality in Your Congregation

A Conference for Small Membership Congregations

Sponsored by the Congregational Vitality Team, ELCA Domestic Mission

***St. John's Lutheran Church Saturday - February 3,
2018***

B3750 State Hwy. 13

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Spencer, Wisconsin 54479

9:30 a.m.:

Registration & Refreshments

Pastor Nancy Nyland - Event Leader

Registration Information:

Registration Deadline: January 15, 2018

Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/DiscoveringHope>

**Fees: \$35/person, \$60/team of two, \$75/team of three
add \$5 for each additional team member (four or
more)**

**Please make checks for total registration fees payable to
and mail to:**

**La Crosse Area Synod
Attn: Rev. Libby Howe
2301 South Avenue
La Crosse, WI 54601**

Lunch: included in the registration fee.

Topics:

Prayer: Letting Go and Letting God

Worship: Building Community and Hope

Making Disciples: Learning to Live Jesus'

Way

Evangelism: A Way of Life

Caring Ministries: Serving as Jesus Served

Leadership: Who's Driving the Tractor?

Discovering the Gift of Place

Mission: Possible - Discovering Hope for

the Future

Participants:

**Each participating congregation is asked to send a team,
including the pastor and at least two lay people or at least
three lay people if the pastor is not able to attend.**

Questions: (including overnight lodging information)

Rev. Jean DeVoll-Donaldson

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Crossways Camping Ministries Presents:

"One Year to Live" Men's Retreat

March 16-18, 2018 at Pine Lake Camp

Men yearn for real friendships and a closer relationship with Christ. This experience is designed for men ages 21+. Join us and be:

"As iron sharpens iron, so one

man sharpens another."

- Adventurous and courageous
Proverbs 27:17
- Genuine and spiritual

Look forward to:

- Banding together and being challenged
Arrive Friday by 6:00 p.m. and
- Examining your life and making decisions
depart Sunday at 3:00 p.m.

Cost: Before February 18th - \$190 After
February 18th - \$205

Men ages 21-29 or men in seminary: Before 2/18
\$110 After 2/18 \$125

Register online by March 2, 2018 at
www.crosswayscamps.org/adult-retreats

Report to Bishop Forms

This is to let you know that the annual report to the bishop forms are now up on the Office of the Secretary page on www.elca.org. Please download the form, save it, then complete it and send it to the Synod Office. If you do not save it first, there will be problems sending it later.

Here are the links:

Report for Minister of Word and Sacrament Under Call from a Congregation:

[http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Report_For_Minister_of_Word_and_Sacrament_Under_Call_From_A_Congregation.pdf?
_ga=2.198811631.1319008733.1514926053-1291334846.1490982565](http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Report_For_Minister_of_Word_and_Sacrament_Under_Call_From_A_Congregation.pdf?_ga=2.198811631.1319008733.1514926053-1291334846.1490982565)

Report for Minister of Word and Sacrament Under Call from Synod Council:

[http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Report_For_Minister_of_Word_and_Sacrament_From_Synod_Council_Church_Council_Under_Call.pdf
?_ga=2.225055322.1319008733.1514926053-1291334846.1490982565](http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Report_For_Minister_of_Word_and_Sacrament_From_Synod_Council_Church_Council_Under_Call.pdf?_ga=2.225055322.1319008733.1514926053-1291334846.1490982565)

Report for Minister of Word and Sacrament Retired:

[http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Report_For_Minister_of_Word_and_Sacrament_Retired.pdf?
_ga=2.200940526.1319008733.1514926053-1291334846.1490982565](http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Report_For_Minister_of_Word_and_Sacrament_Retired.pdf?_ga=2.200940526.1319008733.1514926053-1291334846.1490982565)

Report for Minister of Word and Sacrament Not Under Call:

[http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Report_For_Minister_of_Word_and_Sacrament_Not_Under_Call.pdf?
_ga=2.190984938.1319008733.1514926053-1291334846.1490982565](http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Report_For_Minister_of_Word_and_Sacrament_Not_Under_Call.pdf?_ga=2.190984938.1319008733.1514926053-1291334846.1490982565)

Report for Minister of Word and Service Under Call from a Congregation:

[http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Report_For_Minister_of_Word_and_Service_Under_Call_From_A_Congregation.pdf?
_ga=2.157974266.1319008733.1514926053-1291334846.1490982565](http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Report_For_Minister_of_Word_and_Service_Under_Call_From_A_Congregation.pdf?_ga=2.157974266.1319008733.1514926053-1291334846.1490982565)

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Report for Minister of Word and Service Retired:

http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Report_For_Minister_of_Word_and_Service_Retired.pdf?_ga=2.196761324.1319008733.1514926053-1291334846.1490982565

Report for Minister of Word and Service Not Under Call:

http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Report_For_Minister_of_Word_and_Service_Not_Under_Call.pdf?_ga=2.162149116.1319008733.1514926053-1291334846.1490982565

Clergy Spouse Conference - April 13-15, 2018

All clergy spouses are welcome and invited to join ELCA Clergy Spouses from Wisconsin and Upper Michigan for a weekend at the Country Inn & Suites in Iron Mountain, Michigan!

The registration form is on the Synod's website (www.nglsynod.org).

Mail the registration form and check payable to NGLS to: Stefanie Ehle, 1710 24th Avenue, Menominee, MI 49858. **Deadline is March 23, 2018!**

**Program leaders will be:
Jennifer Prinz from Portico Benefits Services
and
Bishop Katherine Finegan of the Northern Great Lakes Synod**

For more information, go to the Synod Website and download the registration form.



Stewardship

A way of living

What's this thing called "Stewardship"?

Take an online quiz to learn more. A great educational tool for lay people, church councils, pastors, stewardship committees, or Bible study groups.

Go to:

www.nglsynod.org/stewardship/stewardship-quiz/

Theological Conference

February 11-12, 2018

at the Terrace Bay
Hotel, Gladstone

**Featured speaker:
Rev. Brenda Smith**

All Pastors, Licensed Lay
Ministers, and seminarians
along with spouses and
families

are invited to attend.

Children may use the pool
(with supervision) and
spouses may attend

sessions.

Registration Deadline:
February 2, 2018
Registration brochure
available on the Synod's
website



Stewardship Verse

Always being made New.

The Campaign for the ELCA.

The "Always Being Made New" Campaign in the Northern Great Lakes Synod

Grants for Companion Congregation Relationships: Monies raised in 2017 will be distributed to congregations to begin or nurture relationships with a sister congregation in our Companion Synod: The Eastern and Coastal Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. Congregations must apply for grant money by **February 15, 2018**. Apply online at www.nglsynod.org; or call the Synod Office to request a copy of the grant application to be mailed; or email: kfinegan@nglsynod.org. Thanks to all who donated in 2017 toward this campaign.

2018 "Always Being Made New" Campaign: The focus will be on the ELCA "Fund for Leaders" and Northern Great Lakes "Synod Campus Ministry" efforts. Stay tuned for more information on this next phase of the campaign.

*Healthy Congregations Workshops for
congregational leaders and
Boundaries Training for Clergy & LLM's*

Presented by Rev. Ramie Bakken

Workshops Schedule

April

22 (Sun) Healthy Congregations Workshop

All Saints, Wakefield 6:30 –
8:30 p.m.

**23 (Mon) Healthy Congregations
Workshop**

Bethany, Ishpeming 6:30 –
8:30 p.m.

**24 (Tues) Boundaries Workshop for Clergy
and LLMs**

Prince of Peace, Harvey 9:00 a.m. - 2:30
p.m.

**25 (Wed) Healthy Congregations
Workshop**

Immanuel, Escanaba 6:30 –
8:30 p.m.

**26 (Thur) Boundaries Workshop for Clergy
and LLMs**

Porterfield, Porterfield 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Healthy Congregations Workshops are free!

Boundaries Workshops for Clergy & LLM's include lunch.

Lunch Fee is \$5.00

*Watch for a registration form in Notes and Quotes or
download a registration form from www.nglsynod.org
under Upcoming Events.*

**We are introducing a new
feature sharing congregational
stories of ministries.**



'Synod Snapshots'
Check out the
December/January issue
of Notes & Quotes on
the Synod's website for the
first 'Synod Snapshot'.
Stay tuned for more!

MARKED! EVENTS COMING IN FEBRUARY 2017

Sunday, February 18, 4-7pm at Gloria Dei,
Hancock

Sunday, February 25, 4-7pm at First, Gladstone

This is a wonderful event for your Confirmation Youth. This year, congregations are invited to collect items for Backpack Programs throughout our Synod that help to feed hungry students over the weekends.

Check out more info at www.nglsynod.org



National Youth Gathering – Houston

Make plans to attend with your youth,
or contact Lisa Bouche at lisabouche92@gmail.com
or contact the Synod Office at 906/228-2300
if you have one or two youth who need a church to go with.

Check out the information and links available at www.elca.org/gathering

Or go to Facebook and check out the group:
ELCA Gathering 2018 - HOUSTON!! (NGLS)

TRANSITIONS

- Congratulations to Pastor Dave Van Kley who has officially retired from the duties and demands of parish ministry. His last day at Messiah, Marquette was December 24, 2017. A celebration honoring his partnership with Messiah will take place at the church on Sunday, January 21, 2018. God bless Pastor Van Kley as he begins this new chapter, and God bless the people of Messiah as they enter a time of interim and explore future possibilities.
- Congratulations to Pastor Judy Kincaid who has accepted a new call to serve the people of God at New Hope and Little Elk Creek Parish near Menomonie Wisconsin. Her last day at Immanuel, Escanaba will be Sunday, January 28, 2018. God bless Pastor Judy as she moves closer to her husband and begins a new call, and God bless the people of Immanuel.
- Pastor Tracy Polzin has announced that she has accepted another call. Her last day as the director for Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp will be at the end of January. We pray

God's blessings upon her and her family as they begin anew and give thanks to God for her wonderful efforts in ministry among us.



Condolences to the Family of Beatrice L. Tamminen

Beatrice "Bea" Tamminen died peacefully on December 19, 2017 at her home in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota surrounded by her loving family.

From 1989 - 1992, Bea worked in the Synod Office as the lay administrative assistant to Bishop Harry Anderson of the Northern Great Lakes Synod, ELCA. During that time, she was a member of Messiah Lutheran Church in Marquette, sang in the Marquette Choral Society, and played an instrumental role in planning FinnFest 1996. Following retirement, she and her husband, J. Howard, lived in Cornucopia, WI, returning to the Twin Cities in 2012. Her beloved husband preceded her in death in 2014.

Bea would occasionally stop by the Synod Office whenever she was in the Marquette area to say hi to those of us who knew her and to see what changes had been made in the office, her last visit being in 2017.

She is survived by seven children, three sisters, one brother, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Blessed be her memory in our midst.

LIFTING UP TO GOD IN PRAYER

+The Synod Council meeting January 19-20. May our discussion and deliberations be meaningful and fruitful.

+The Church, that it may lead well, speak truthfully, and be faithful to the gospel of Jesus.

+For the courage to invite and welcome, for those who would accept that invitation.

+Pastor Cori Johnson.

+For all in harm's way.

CHECK OUT www.prayfaithfully.org
for weekly "Breath Prayer"
and Daily Devotions.
The synod website is www.nglsynod.org

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Bishop Katherine Finegan

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